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In re Patent Application of:)
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Serial No. 09/827,386)
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Filing Date: April 5, 2001)
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For: 'VIRTUAL' ENCRYPTION SCHEME)
COMBINING DIFFERENT)
ENCRYPTION OPERATORS INTO)
COMPOUND-ENCRYPTION MECHANISM)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, Applicant requests entry of the following Preliminary Amendment.

In the Abstract:

Please delete the present Abstract and substitute the new Abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method controllably encrypts data to be transmitted over a communication path between a data source and data receipt by passing data to be transported over the communication path through a first of respectively different encryption operators to produce a first encrypted data stream. This is then passed through a second selected one of

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